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in spite of the close observations, extending  
over a long period of years, of British con-  
sular and other officials, and in spite of the  
enormous mass of information committed to  
print by those who have studied Oriental  
races and countries on the spot, the ignorance  
of matters connected with the Far  
East prevailing in Great Britain is simply  
prodigious, unforgivably profound. Unfor-  
givingly profound because it is chiefly dis-  
played by fatuous faddists who pretend to  
know something about the subjects in which  
they interest themselves, and who might be

fully informed if they would only take the  
trouble to consult reliable authorities. Un-  
forgivably, too, is this ignorance because  
when gross misstatements have been ex-  
posed and corrected these persons with a  
crazed calm proceed to repeat their libels  
or reiterate their misstatements, sometimes  
with new embellishments, as though  
nothing had happened. All this and  
much more is true of such fanatics as  
the anti-opium agitators, "Stiggins, M.P.,"  
the versatile Mr. Cairns, who has so lately  
distinguished himself in India, and other  
romanticists of a similar type. Nor is igno-  
rance of their subject confined to this class of  
persons; some of the best known of English  
newspapers have at various times shown a  
gross lack of knowledge even of the  
geography of these distant lands of Eastern  
Asia.

Certain journals are better informed be-  
cause they retain on their staff writers and  
journalists who have lived in the East, and  
are qualified to deal with Eastern questions.  
Even in the ranks of such writers, however,  
it is quite possible to catch a tripping.  
The *Manchester Guardian* is fairly well in-  
formed, on matters pertaining to commerce  
with China and Japan, and its London  
correspondent is usually well posted as to  
news in connection with the Far East.  
This writer is, nevertheless, not free from  
the reproach of superficiality, as the fol-  
lowing passage, taken from one of his  
more recent letters to the *Guardian*, will  
show. He says:—"The Commission now  
sitting at Darjeeling for the final ad-  
justment of our differences with Tibet  
and the arrangement of a trade tariff be-  
tween India and that country is almost  
certainly destined to fail in both objects.  
The Commission comprises two Chinamen  
and one Englishman, but to native of  
Tibet, the land whose interests and rights  
are being adjudicated upon. Now, the  
Tibetan Government has more than once  
of late asserted its complete independence  
of the Chinese Empire. Nevertheless, in  
spite of earnest remonstrances on the part  
of certain representatives of this 'sturdy  
race of mountaineers, the Indian Govern-  
ment continues to treat with China con-  
cerning the territory and the general rights  
of a nation which repudiates Chinese juris-  
diction." Tibet has not asserted its in-  
dependence of China, though it is possible  
the Lamas or priests who rule the country  
would fain do so. But Tibet, unlike An-  
nam, Burmah, and Siam, has never dared to  
show any independence of Peking, and  
though possibly impatient of its control, has  
to obey the mandates of the Chinese Em-  
peror at Lhasa, just as much as the Indian  
tributary states have to take instructions,  
advice, or approval from the British Political  
Agent, Resident, or Commissioner.

The Chinese Government regard with great  
jealousy any approach by a foreign nation  
on Tibet, because it is considered an out-  
work of the Celestial Empire, a barrier  
against the tide of possible invasion. The  
Tibetans, with a suspicion and distrust of  
strangers even greater than that formerly  
exhibited by the Romans, have so far aided  
China's policy of seclusion, and are likely to  
continue to do so, the Lamas fearing that  
any outside influence would be fatal to the  
maintenance of their corrupt authority. All  
mountaineers are more or less proud, but  
the Tibetans are not much distin-  
guished for anything but dirt and dis-  
honesty, and they are hardly a factor  
to be counted on by the Chinese Em-  
peror. Deceit and treachery are the trade  
between Lhasa and India. As a matter of  
fact, however, it is very improbable that the  
Chinese Government will consent to any ar-  
rangement which will really facilitate trade  
between India and Tibet. The people of  
Tibet are great tea drinkers, and obtain  
their supplies of tea from Western China,  
where it is made into bricks and carried  
across the passes in the mountains with great  
labour and difficulty. China can have no  
desire to see this trade transferred to India,  
and the negotiations are hardly likely to end  
in a scheme for placing the tea market in  
Tibet at the disposal of Indian planters.  
The Commission may devise a scheme which  
on paper may look very promising, but when  
the time comes for carrying out its stipula-  
tions it will be found impossible to do so.  
The temper of the people or some other  
equally good excuse. With the history of  
the Chongking Convention before us it  
ought not to be difficult to foresee the result  
of any attempt to carry to fulfilment a con-  
vention to secure trade and intercourse with  
Tibet. The inclusion of a Tibetan repre-  
sentative in the Commission would not have  
brought actual trade an inch nearer, for the  
sturdy mountaineers are only too ready to aid  
and abet the Peking Government in resist-  
ing every effort to bring about connection  
between their elevated plateau and India.

The Agents (Messrs. Jardine Matheson &  
Co.) inform us that the steamer *Orion*, from  
which the *Orion* was taken, has just arrived  
yesterday morning.

The departure of the *Orion* from Hongkong  
has been postponed until four o'clock this after-  
noon. The hours of closing the mails will be  
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completed by Saturday, the 30th instant. Four  
rounds are reserved for the purpose of the  
tournament.

Soldiers will be kept guard over the Roman  
Catholics Church and the Peking Arsenal at  
Yanchow. Proclamations are posted about  
to quiet the people and search is made for the  
shy money-men and ringleaders.

The Shanghai papers state that Admiral  
Richards is about to pay Peking a visit. He  
does not seem to have started, however, and  
probably has found it his duty rather to look after  
the protection of British subjects in the Treaty  
ports.

The *Hoppe* states that a Chinese lady of rank  
of great personal beauty and well accomplished  
in writing poetry, prose, and music, was  
embellished by a grant of an audience by the  
Emperor. The lady, besides her own  
many gifts of great value, appointed her as the  
lady-tutor to the male-in-waiting at the  
palace.

Writing under date of the 18th May, the  
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Although Reuters has since informed us that Sir JOSEPH PEARCE does not intend to proceed further with his motion at present, it is not at all likely that the opinion duly formed will be the matter rest. Having a considerable number of votes with which to consider able reason, regard to a victory, they will push forward their ill-considered and mischievous agitation. Mischievous, because, as Mr. CAMERON, the illogical supporter of Sir J. PEARCE, observed "wherever the House, out of a mistaken notion of goodness, has done anything to help the opium traffic, it has done it to the detriment of the people." Sir CROWN COLONY had attempted to interfere "without having a thorough knowledge of the circumstances under which the people lived, the result had been that they had done harm instead of good." To this dictum, obviously based on the action of the Home Government with regard to the opium traffic, Sir J. PEARCE, in reply, told every colonist will cordially assent. It fitted, because, as Sir J. FENSTON, speaking on behalf of the Secretary of State for India, told the House, "the Indian Government had never denied that this source of revenue should be abolished as soon as the Government could be brought to consider the efficacy of the country." Some progress had already been made; there were now 100,000 acres less of land under "poppy cultivation in Bengal than there were ten years ago, while the number of chests of opium manufactured in British India was only 48,000 against 50,000 in 1870. The revenue of India had largely increased during the past five years, and little by little the opium traffic would be put an end to." Why are not the faddists content to wait? Formerly their cry was, "justice to China; even now they revive the same statement that opium was the ruin of China, and that it was the bane of the people. But they cannot deny that at the present moment, to use the words of Sir R. TEMPLE, "China is (practically) perfectly free to impose any tax she pleases on Indian opium, which is in fact at her mercy." Then as regards the people of India, their "nationalities" are not to be considered. They are not offended that their share in the traffic, on the other hand they do consider themselves very seriously overtaxed, and are quite unprepared to pay further taxes in place of those paid for them by the Chinese opium smoker. The sole consideration to consider is the nationalities of England. It is not that it is from us to carry this traffic away; it is better that it should hurry us into hasty, even mistaken, legislation than that we should allow it to be dulled and blunted. There is no question, and we should all of us rejoice in the fact, that the national conscience has grown, it is growing, more and more, and it is only a question of time before all slavery would have been met with derision; fifty years later a bare majority in the Com-

There is no reason to fear that a  
hour Board composed of merchants will  
attempt to levy excessive dues on junk  
compared with foreign shipping. The  
importance of the junk trade to the Colony  
is well understood for the Colonists  
have no other means of transporting  
the cargo loaded for disposal at Hong  
Kong, and self-interest alone would  
representative Harbour Board to endeavour  
to make the port as attractive to  
as possible, in which the Government  
would succeed better than the Chinese  
has done. It is a fair inference that  
the public opinion that the reduction  
of the grievance arising from the  
called blockade of the harbour by  
Chinese revenue cruisers was due, and  
save lively interest in the welfare of  
junk trade would be evinced by a Har-  
Board composed of European mer-  
chants. It is a fair inference that the  
Board should be exclusively composed  
of Europeans; on the contrary, we are  
inclined to think it would be well that Chinese  
interest should be directly represented in  
presence on the Board of one or more  
native gentlemen connected with the  
junk trade.

Given a Harbour Board such as is  
suggested, and the Colony would be  
against such troubles as the cargo boat  
of 1883, which was the direct outcome  
of Government blunder. His Excellency  
indicated in his minute the terms of  
the future trade of the Colony, and  
the Government the various of the official  
almost every public department, "for  
the Governor, who occasionally (as in the  
"of the cargo boat strike) is largely  
"coupled with harbour questions at  
to deal daily with a considerable num-  
"harbour parties, down to the lowest  
"the Government of the Government.  
The Chamber in their reply say  
"cargo boat strike is well with  
"meny of the Committee. It is  
"injurious action on the part of  
"ward. His Excellency called  
"one, after another, many members  
"committee, to obtain their views  
"situation. His Excellency adopted  
"suggestions that were then tendered  
"the following morning the strike had  
"appeared." In his able despatch  
"1st October, 1889, on the condition  
"prospects of Hongkong the Governor  
"question and admitted that the strike  
"a just cause of complaint. It is  
"strike to refer to the serious effects  
"strike on the trade of the Colony,  
"was its duration, but it seems to  
"one could have suggested a Har-  
"Harbour Board than His Excellency  
"unintentionally done itself introducing  
"tion of the cargo boat strike into the

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ALONE IN KWANGSI.

Y.-TOA PAK (CONTINUED).

Some time about midnight I gradually became conscious of a low rumbling sound which carried on for some minutes and then ceased. Paying little attention to it at first, I got more interested when I found out it was about myself that they were talking, and when I saw the light from a match in a smoking place said, "Oh, then I will settle him!" and at the same time I recognized the voice of a man I had escaped from. I not only recognized him but the two men who were with him, and they made me quite stiff, and at its largest stage set my teeth chattering as in a violent attack of ague. I never experienced anything like it of the sort since that time, and I have never known the cause. I did so, I thought. I soon got command over my senses, however, by degrees warmed me up again, so that I could devote my whole attention to listening. But they spoke so low that I could

a little behind his master, pressed by the opium addict, these people, so different from those I have seen in the mountains, told me of some of their acts of action who could use the name at a moment's notice. With red umbrellas, it seems, and in the article the paper the Kwangsi paper-umbrella is referred to in the field and in the mountains. Two of the two men, two signals for a general broadcast carriers were b and my wathom. They came from the mountains and a king in their papers, which they were Nanjing, where it was used. Twenty or thirty slights line the mountains, and the mountains by a little stream opening

Some time about midnight I gradually became conscious of a long conversation that was carried on in the place partitioned off for the proprietor. Perhaps it was the kitchen, for at last, I got more definite when I found out it was about myself. They were talking, and what one of the two voices rose and in a mocking, playful said, "Oh, then I will settle him!" and at the same time the other voice said, "I will not!" and I had paused recognizing that I was the subject of their conversation. Not only was I fully aroused on the instant, but a chill crept over me that made me quite stiff, and at its lowest stage set my teeth chattering as in a violent shiver. I was not alone in this. I felt like it and can only suppose uncontrollable fear was the cause. "I did not say that!" I soon got command over my senses, which by degrees warmed me up again, so that I could recover my wits. I was not alone. But they spoke as few that I could understand. And they spoke as few that I could

These mounted themselves four or five hundred out of the 30th day of April last His Excellency the Governor Sir George William des Vaux, in his place in Council, on the 21st February last, on his own responsibility and without the authority of this Council by his warrant directed that the said Governor, Sir George William des Vaux, should send a sum of twenty thousand pounds sterling, additional military contribution in respect of the year 1890.

"And whereas it has not been shown to this Council that any adequate or any urgent necessity existed for the payment of the said sum of money, and that the authority of this Council, and no sufficient reason has been assigned or explanation given for not calling together this Council to discuss the said sum of the money."

"Now, therefore, we the undersigned, official members of Council in one plain and official manner, do hereby call the said Governor Sir George William des Vaux to lawfully constituted grounds of the public purse, and for the consideration of the merits of this Honourable Council, to call this Council together to discuss the said sum of the money, and to call the said Governor to answer to the Council, without the

The Legislative Council met on the 22nd inst. there were present:-  
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 Hon. J. H. STEWART-LOCKHART, Registrar-General.  
 Hon. P. B. BROWN, Surveyor-General.  
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 Hon. J. J. KENNEDY.  
 Hon. T. H. WHEAREHEAD.  
 Mr. A. M. THOMSON, Acting Clerk of Councils.  
 The minutes of the last meeting were read.

out such parcels:

And whereas at the meeting of Council held on the 30th day of April His Excellency the Governor, Sir George William des Vaux, in his place in Council, did read a letter from the Hon. the Secretary of the Treasury, bearing date the 21st February last, on his own responsibility and without the authority of this Council by the warrant of the Hon. the Secretary of the Treasury, of this said sum of twenty thousand pounds sterling, additional military contribution in respect of this year:

And whereas it has not been shewn to this Council that any adequate or any urgent necessity existed for the payment of the sum of twenty thousand pounds sterling by the authority of this Council, and no sufficient reason has been assigned or explanation given for not calling together this Council to consider the Committee of the money bill:

"Now, therefore, we the undersigned, unofficial members of Council in our place in Council as the representatives of the people, do hereby call upon the Hon. the Secretary of the Treasury, and the lawfully constituted guardians of the public purse, and for the preservation of the rights of this Hon. Council, to call together this Council to consider the Committee of the money bill, and for His Excellency the Governor in issuing his warrant, without the



